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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, listed on the attached Form PTO Form-1449 are references identified on page 2 of the International Search Report as the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the International Search Report filed with the above-identified application on June 9, 2006.

Copies of the cited U.S. patent documents are not provided in view of the USPTO waiver of the requirement to do so for applications filed after June 30, 2003. DE 9005150, a copy of which is enclosed, is directed to a drink container 2 is provided with a lid 1 at the open end of a body 4. The lid has a lid face 6 with a horse-shoe shaped score line 7 defining a lid part 8 therein. Arranged opposite the lid part is a closure part 17 fixed to a rivet 10 on the lid surface. A ring pull 11 is also fixed to the rivet. The ring pull has a pressure edge 12 which is arranged to apply pressure onto the lid part when the ring pull is lifted. The applied pressure causes the lid part to separate from the lid surface to reveal a dispensing opening 16. By turning the ring pull, the closure part can be rotated to cover the dispensing opening. The foregoing discussion provided by Applicant's Australian representative

satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of DE '150.

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